

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 9, 2007, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 4, and 17 are amended. Claims 18-20 were previously canceled. No new matter has been added. The amendments to claims 1 and 17 are fully supported by at least paragraph [0057] of the specification. The amendment to claim 4 is fully supported by at least paragraph [0053] and original claim 10. Thus, claims 1-17 are currently pending and subject to examination in the present application.

Claims 1 – 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,651,548 to French et al. ("French") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0147042 to Vuong et al. ("Vuong"). It is noted that claims 1, 4, and 17 have been amended and that claim 18 was previously canceled. To the extent that the rejection remains applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejection as follows.

Applicant's invention as now set forth in amended claim 1 is directed to a game management system for managing various games that utilize a roulette wheel with a plurality of pockets formed therein and a bet board having a plurality of bet areas formed corresponding to the pockets of the roulette wheel and that utilizes a chip betted on at least one of the bet areas, the system including a measuring device configured to measure the total weight of all chips located on the bet area, divide the total weight of the

chips by the unit weight of one chip, and compare the result to information from a second detecting device.

The Applicant submits that French and Vuong, whether taken alone or in combination (not admitted), do not disclose or suggest a game management system including at least a measuring device configured to measure the total weight of all chips located on the bet area, divide the total weight of the chips by the unit weight of one chip, and compare the result to information from a second detecting device, as recited in amended claim 1.

For at least this reason, the Applicant submits that amended claim 1 is allowable over the cited art. For similar reasons, the Applicant submits that claim 17 is likewise allowable. As claim 1 is allowable, the Applicant submits that claims 2-16, which depend from allowable claim 1, are therefore also allowable for at least the above noted reason and for the additional subject matter recited therein.

CONCLUSION

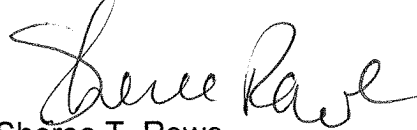
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentability distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 025720-00068.

Respectfully submitted,

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